in information systems, review of accounts etc. Follow up action in this regard has been taken by RBI and the commercial banks from time to time.

(d) and (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Misappropriation of reward money by Customs in Karnataka

3248. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of more than Rs. 1 crore of reward money was misappropriated by certain Customs Officials by planting an informer in a gold seizure by the Customs Department near Gangoli village of west coast of Karnataka some time in April, 1988;

(b) whether it is also a fact the a CBI inquiry was conducted into the misappropriation of reward money;

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those found involved in the misappropriation of reward money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) The matter is under verification by the C.B.I.

Impact of New Economic Policy on the Poor

3249. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new economic policy is going to have an adverse effect on the gains made by the poverty elimination programme;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and what is the proposal so that the poor may not get adversely affected; and

(c) what are the measures taken in the new economic policy for primary education, basic health care, family planning and for the improvement of the living conditions of the poor people including earning opportunities for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) No, Sir, The new economic Policy which mainly relates to structural adjustment in industrial and trade policies would not in any way dilute the gains made by the poverty alleviation programme as there is no change in the policy with regard to poverty alleviation programmes. In fact, in the Eighth Plan, a higher percentage of total public sector outlay of 7.93 per cent for rural development and 18.2 per cent for social services has been made as against 5.04 per cent and 16.31 per cent respectively in the Seventh Plan.

Psychotropic drug menace in Madhya Pradesh

3250. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that psycho-tropic drugs menace is increasing day by day in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons arrested in the State during the last three years for drug peddling and the quantity of such drugs seized in the State durng the said period;

(c) what is the number of persons prosecuted for drug peddling in the State during the last three years;

(d) whether de-addiction centres have been opened to reform the drug addicts in the State by Government and voluntary organisation; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There has been no seizure of Psychotropic drugs, viz. Amphetamine,